RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know then when his claims will be considered?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When the chance comes.

Sub-Registrars of the State.

253. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of Sub-Registrars of the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement is laid on the table.

Abolition of Schools.

254. ***MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued orders for closing any schools, aided or departmental, after the formation of the Education Advisory Board;

(*b*) if so, whether the Board was consulted before such orders were issued if not, why not;

(*c*) whether complaints have been received by the Government or the Director from centres adversely affected by such orders; and

(*d*) whether other adequate facilities exist or have been provided to meet local educational needs in cases where the schools are ordered to be closed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. It is not the intention of the Department to consult the Board except on large questions of policy.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know where the scope of the work of the Education Advisory Board is defined?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not think that I can refer the member to any specific references where the work has been defined.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know how the Director thought that it was not within the scope of the Education Advisory Board to be consulted in this matter?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The reason why no reference to the Education Advisory Board was made is this. Under the existing rules, before the Education Advisory Board was set up, the Director is given the power to see, before he recognises a school, whether the school is necessary in that locality. That is, if a school becomes unnecessary or inefficient, he is bound to withdraw recognition from the school. It is a matter of ordinary routine enjoined on the Director under the existing rules.

* *Vide* Appendix VI.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the Director is in possession of full particulars as to the local needs of any particular school before that school is abolished?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, in possession of full particulars.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Has a school at Kanjipadom been ordered to be abolished?

MR. R M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Does that particular locality enjoy any educational facilities otherwise than through that school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Kanjipadom school is not abolished as an overlapping school. I mean the school was abolished under quite separate circumstances.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): What has the Director done for purpose of serving the needs of that locality in regard to educational matters?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Director is considering whether he cannot open another school with private building on a suitable site.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) ഒരു പള്ളിക്കൂടത്തിന്റെ അംഗീകരണം പിൻവലിക്കുന്നതിനുമുമ്പു ആ പള്ളിക്കൂടത്തിൽ പഠിക്കുന്ന കുട്ടികൾക്കു വേറെ പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളിൽ പോയി പഠിക്കാൻ സൌകര്യമുണ്ടോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടാണോ അംഗീകരണം പിൻ വലിക്കുന്നതു്?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Recognition is only withdrawn after the Director has assured himself that adequate provision exists in other schools for giving instruction to the children of the school whose recognition is being withdrawn.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether he has personally inspected all the schools before recognition has been withdrawn?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is quite impossible for the Director to personally inspect every school; but he has visited a number of schools and enabled to satisfy himself before recognition is withdrawn that such schools were unnecessary.

Drinking water in coastal regions.

25. ***MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, have been taken for the supply of good drinking water in coastal regions as recommended by this Assembly?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Deputy Director of Public Health has been asked to submit proposals in consultation with the Chief Engineer so that a definite programme may be laid down for the supply of good drinking water to the coastal regions of the State.

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